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Cottage Life abandons Frost Centre bid

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

Cottage Life will not be making a bid to take over the management of the Frost Centre because it does not believe its hopes for the property would be financially feasible under conditions set out

by the province.

"It is with regret that we will not be proceeding with our proposed eco-lodge and learning centre project at the Frost Centre location," says the magazine's publisher Al Zikowitz, who's also a cottager on Gull Lake, in a

press release issued yesterday morning.

"We did not make this decision lightly. In the latter half of 2005, we retained an architect, an engineer and a travel consultant to give us their preliminary assessments of the site and the feasibility

of implementing our vision. We visited the site numerous times with these professionals and also with a potential investor.

"The feedback that we received was not encouraging. While everyone agreed that the site had

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Bryn Weese/TIMES

Gimme that ol' time shinny

The Big Shinny Game at Dorset this past Saturday was grassroots hockey at its finest. And played as it should be – outside! With a good turnout of players young and old and a cheering crowd kept

warm with hot chocolate and hot dogs, neither players nor spectators seemed to mind the heavy falling snow. In an early afternoon game, this young goalie made a quick save.

Kinmount United Church goes it alone

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

Due to financial restraints at the pastoral charge level and a desire to become more community oriented, the Kinmount United Church is going it alone.

"You could see the writing on the wall in 2003," says David Wells, secretary administrator of the former Coboconk Pastoral Charge that included Kinmount.

"After a lot of soul searching, and a lot of arduous processes, the decision was made that the [Coboconk Pastoral] Charge would be divided."

Since 1986, the Coboconk Pastoral Charge of the United Church operated as a four-point or four-church charge that included Norland, Coboconk, Burnt River and Kinmount. The roots of the former Coboconk charge have existed for years, sometimes cov-

ering as many as seven churches at once.

Ageing membership, with little or no renewal in the pews from young people, has meant a decline in fundraising activities and interest. The former four-point charge became more and more difficult to run, eventually leading to a dismantling of the charge with Norland and Coboconk staying together and

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Rail trail open

Although Mother Nature continues to rain on the parade of snowmobile enthusiasts, the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association has managed to open one of its trails.

Last week the groomers were out on the rail trail which runs from Kinmount to Haliburton. The HCSA is waiting for more snow to fall before it starts grooming its other trails.

For up-to-date trail conditions, visit www.hcsa.on.ca.

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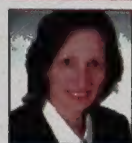
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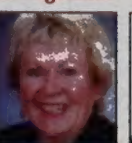
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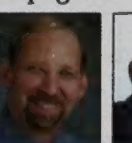
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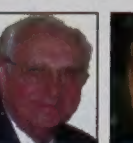
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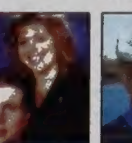
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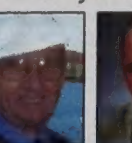
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Receipts to individual donors will be prepared and distributed well before the February 28th deadline.

Many thanks again.

Eco-lodge bid needs more access to Frost lands

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potential, it was difficult to make a solid case for investing significant time and capital for what would be a less than attractive long-term return."

During last year's deliberations of the Frost Centre Working Group, formed by the province to provide direction on the future of the Frost Centre, Zikowitz had expressed interest in the facility south of Dorset. The centre was closed by the Ministry of Natural Resources in July 2004 as a cost-cutting measure, sparking public outrage over the loss of the centre's many programs that focused on proper stewardship of the province's natural resources.

This past December, the Ontario Realty Corporation, which is now responsible for the buildings and 39 acres adjacent to Crown land reserve, issued a request for expressions of interest from groups or individuals who want to take over the centre's management.

Zikowitz said he had been hopeful that the ORC would include some incentives or conditions that would have helped with his plans. Instead, the ORC simply states that any bid must prove its feasibility.

Of particular note, Zikowitz says that the ORC has decided that "lands managed by the MNR beyond the designated area of the Frost Centre are specifically excluded from development or inclusion. As we have publicly stated in the past, our project could not proceed unless we gained access to important frontage to the east on St. Nora Lake as well as an additional strip of land to the north of the designated area."

Zikowitz plans to continue his search for alternative sites because he strongly believes in the eco-lodge concept. Meanwhile, he says, "We strongly believe that the Frost Centre should be reopened as a learning centre focused on environmental studies as this was an integral part of our vision, and we would support any organization with those objectives."

Correction

A press release issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources and printed in last week's *Minden Times* contained incorrect information.

Marty P. McGrath of Douro pleaded not guilty to a charge of hunting within 400 metres of a baited area. He did not enter a guilty plea as reported by the Ministry.

McGrath was found guilty but is appealing the verdict.

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Summer Festival needs a Helen Keller

It has been described as perhaps the most difficult role ever cast by Highlands Summer Festival. And yet, the young actress who will get the part will have no dialogue to memorize.

The role is that of young Helen Keller, the blind and deaf girl who is the focus of the play *The Miracle Worker*. "It is a part like none other we have seen on our stage," Summer Festival President Dave Mills says. "Without words, the young actress must capture the emotion and turmoil locked inside the mind of Helen, as her teacher, Annie Sullivan, struggles to help her break free from her dark and soundless prison."

The inspirational play is based on the real-life story of Helen Keller and her mentor Annie Sullivan.

The roles of Helen and Annie will not only be emotionally intense, they will be physically demanding as well. Young Helen is coddled by her family and when Annie is hired to teach her, she enforces a strict regimen to which Helen reacts with frustration and physical outbursts.

"These will be demanding parts for sure," Mills says, "but they will also be very rewarding for the actresses chosen to fill them."

The roles are just two of nearly 25 that will be cast January 14 and 15 during the audition call at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. *The Miracle Worker* has additional players ranging in age from nine to 70.

In the Norm Foster comedy, *Maggie's Getting Married*, the call is for six actors, four in their 30s and two in their early 50s. The second comedy, *Over The River and Through The Woods*, requires two pairs of grandparents in their mid-60s or older and two younger actors in their mid 20s.

"There is an interesting range in ages and genders for this season's plays," Mills says.

The Festival encourages area residents with limited stage experience to audition for roles. "We are a regionally-based community theatre company which prides itself in producing stage work of a high calibre. We are also proud of our commitment to helping people develop their talents," Mills says.

Complete information on this year's auditions is included in the audition package available at Kitchens Etc., Highlands Street, Haliburton, and The Storeroom, Main Street, Minden.

Carol Moffatt/Special to The TIMES



Wolf on the run

Stanhope resident Carol Moffatt sometimes feels as if she's living in the midst of a Mutual Life of Omaha Wild Kingdom television program. A few weeks ago we shared with you her picture of the one-antlered buck that comes regularly to her house. This week she sent us this picture of a wolf running across her property, a tough shot for any professional photographer to get. The wolf came within a few metres of her house.

MPP rings in the new year at levee

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

Amidst the whirlwind of the federal election, Minden got a shot of political stability last week when local MPP Laurie Scott came to town for her annual New Year chitchat with local residents.

Scott was busy this past weekend meeting with her constituents around the riding, holding three New Year's Levees. While weather made her stop in Minden a quiet one, levees are nevertheless fun for her.

"I really like having them," she says. "It helps me get a sense of what people in the community want. It also gives the opportunity for people to come and say hello. I know many of them, and many tell me stories about my father [the late Conservative MP Bill Scott]."

About the issues, Scott says that primarily in this area she's been hearing a lot about property assessments and the doctor shortages. While neither is a sur-



MPP Laurie Scott had a smiling welcome for everyone who joined her at her New year's Levee at the Minden Community Centre.

prising topic of interest here in Minden and surrounding area, Scott also said she's

been hearing a little about the Frost Centre developments.

Change seen as a new beginning

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Burnt River and Kinmount venturing out on their own.

"Everybody seems to want to have their own minister every Sunday," says former Coboconk Pastoral Charge chairperson Pamela Brohm. "A four-point charge just wasn't feasible."

Despite future challenges, however, Brohm feels that Kinmount will be successful in the long run.

"I'm sure there will be challenges; I think it is going to be a challenge [to get young people actively involved]," she says, "but they are such a very strong group. I'm blown away by what they do in that small community. They have come up with great ideas for the future."

Wells also sees the light at the end of a tunnel.

"They are certainly going to find challenges," says Wells about the future of Kinmount's United Church. "But Bruce Fleury and his wife Patti, because of their undying desire to make that church grow, are an inspiration."

"These are worthy challenges for Kinmount and Burnt River to discover," he adds. "I think that some of them will be membership-driven, scraped knees and education."

The Kinmount church is 146 years old, says Bruce Fleury. He says that the decision to go it alone is not an ending but, rather, a beginning.

Fleury is hopeful that with the church's focus exclusively tuned to Kinmount, the church will be in a position to grow and make connections within the community. In fact, the church has already begun reaching out to the senior members of the community with a visitation program and

pastoral care.

"We found there is a strong need for visiting and keeping in touch with our members and community," says Fleury about the need for their new programs. "There are those who can't make it to church or they need a helping hand."

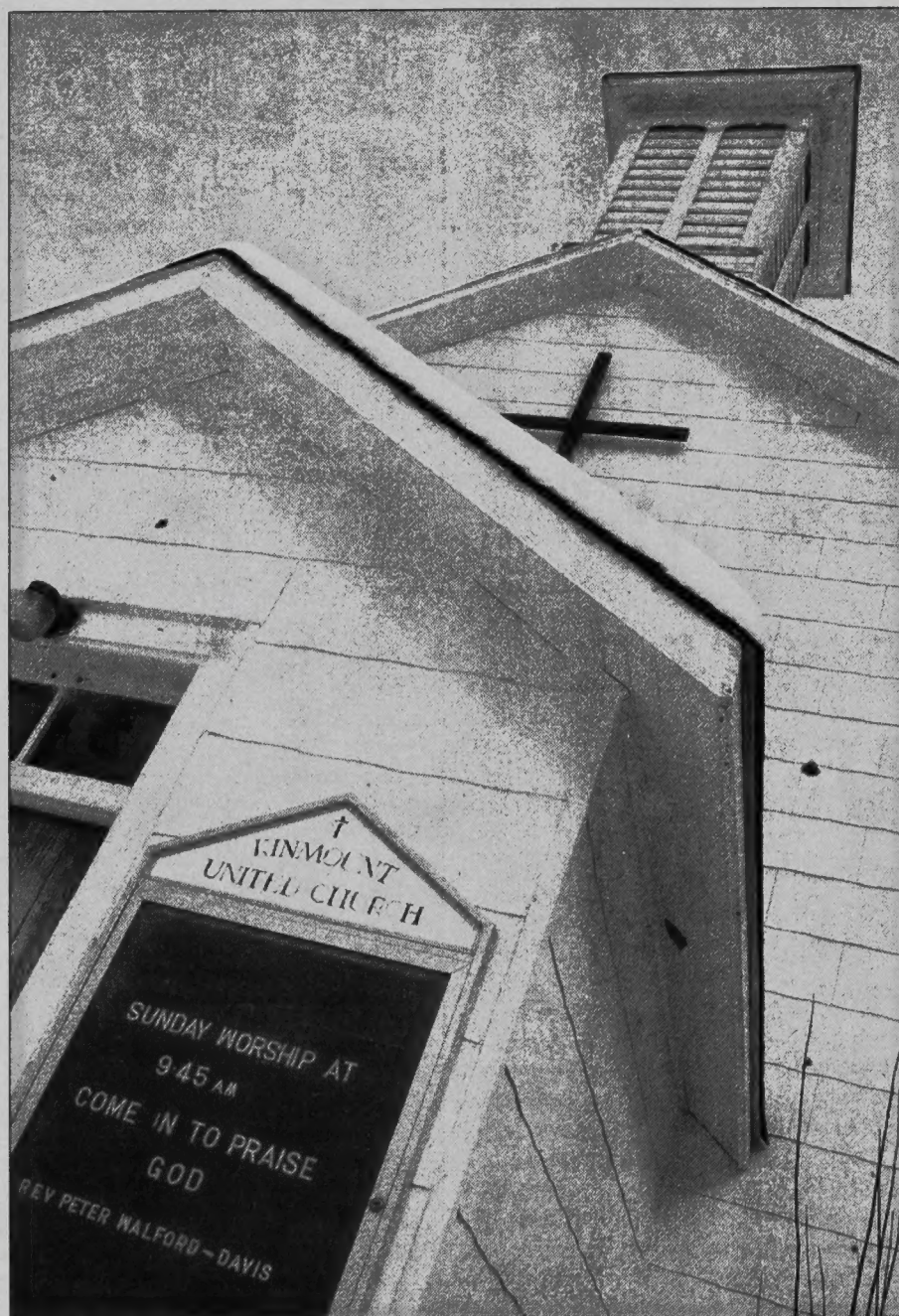
Fleury, like others in the former Coboconk Pastoral Charge, feels that this is a happy time for Kinmount United Church, rather than the end of a decades-old charge. "We had a wonderful service on Sunday that reconfirmed the church in the community. We are looking forward to wonderful programs."

One of the benefits of Kinmount going on its own, says Fleury, is that the lay speakers at the service can now stay afterwards to chat and lead further religious activities. Before, when Kinmount was part of a four-point charge, the travelling ministers were on the move on Sundays, bouncing from one point in the charge to another with little time for interaction with members.

Besides a focus centred on Kinmount, with a number of new programs and more interaction with lay preachers and speakers, Kinmount United Church is also actively thinking of ways to strengthen the church's membership and coffers. While attracting young people will no doubt be on the church's agenda for some time to come, the area's seasonal residents will also be targeted.

"We have to open our door to our cottage community in the summer time," says Fleury. "We have to capitalize on that particular market and make them aware of where the church is and what services we provide."

"This is a whole new area that we feel strongly about."



Bryn Weese/TIMES

The Kinmount United Church will reach out to youth and cottagers to fill its pews now that it's responsible for its own future.

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Trappers un-skinned

Minden Fur Harvesters hold 25th annual workshop and fun day for public

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

It is Canada's oldest profession. It was the ambition and steadfastness of Canada's first trappers and fur traders that opened the doors to the west.

Trapping is still an important outdoor pursuit that fosters wealth as well as stewardship of the environment. On Sunday, January 15, the Minden District Fur

Harvesters will celebrate their trade (and craft) with the public at the Minden Community Centre between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m..

"We hope to get a good turnout."

"It's really important to promote trapping and get young people involved"

PAUL ARKWRIGHT

says Paul Arkwright, president of the Minden District Fur Harvesters. "Last year, we had about 200 people coming through."

The annual workshop, now in its 25th year for the Minden Fur Harvesters, includes information for trappers as well as the public at large. It is a chance for people to learn about the industry, says Arkwright, as well as to encourage interest among young people.

"It is really important to promote trapping and to get the young kids involved," he adds.

That is why, throughout the free events planned for Sunday, young people will be encouraged to try their hand at various facets of the trapping trade, including skinning.

Herb Britton, a member of the Minden District Fur Harvesters, says that over the last few years there has been growing interest among young people in trapping. Due in part to the efforts of the Minden trappers who have hosted the annual trappers' fun day for a quarter of a century but, also, the Minden District Fur Trappers have been sponsors of the high school's outdoor education class.

In addition to skinning demonstrations, a fur-handling competition, draw prizes for trappers and non-trappers, booths selling trapping, dog, and kitchen supplies and (weather permitting) knife sharpening by Roger Redner, Sunday's agenda also includes a fur fashion show sponsored by Cahill's Furriers.

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RIDE stops result in four drinking and driving charges

Four drivers were charged with drinking and driving offences during the recent festive RIDE program. The Haliburton Highlands OPP stopped 3,111 vehicles

during the annual campaign, which ran from November 25 to January 2. In addition to the charges, the officers issued seven 12-hour suspensions.

Across the province, the OPP stopped a total of 576,875 vehicles at roadside checkpoints, compared to 450,582 the previous year. A total of 278 people were charged with alcohol-related Criminal Code driving offences. This may indicate growing awareness that you shouldn't drink and drive because although there were more vehicles stopped during the most recent campaign, fewer charges were laid. In 2004/2005 there were 294 charges.

However, the message still hasn't got out to some drivers. Alcohol-related collisions claimed the lives of four people during the five-week event. Altogether, 35 people were killed in 37 collisions on OPP-controlled highways.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Change is necessary

This week, voters in Haliburton County have been blessed with not one political debate but two. For political junkies, this is indeed the good stuff. While the whole country watched eagerly as the four political party leaders scratched and clawed their way through round two of the debates in Montreal, our own political hopefuls for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock met in the Northern Lights Pavilion on Wednesday night to plead their case to the voters. (Look for coverage in next week's *Echo* and *Times*.)

Oddly, despite the saturation of all things political on television, in the papers, on the radio and in the coffee shop, Canadians still care very little about the state of our political landscape. Year after year, Canadian voter turnout, as a percentage, hovers somewhere in the 60s. A misleading figure considering that voter turnout figures account for only registered voters. What about those people who have never voted and thus never bothered to register? Among 18 to 25 year olds, voter turnout routinely stumbles around 25 per cent. Why?

The answer is both simple and saddening. The electoral system in Canada, as unrepresentative and archaic as it is, has disillusioned and deterred the voting public election after election after election.

The nuts and bolts of our "first past the post system" have not changed one iota since Confederation in 1867, making it older than the telephone. Sadly, that antiquated system fails to represent the true wishes of the Canadian voters. As has always been the case, representation in the House of Commons has nothing to do with the distribution of votes among Canadians. The first past the post system over-represents some parties while simultaneously under representing others. No wonder Canadians cannot be bothered to care.

Consider the 2000 election in which the Liberal party won a reasonably large majority of the seats in the House of Commons, 172 out of 301, or 56 per cent of the available seats. They managed, however, to win only 39 per cent of the popular vote. So, while only 39 per cent of Canadians voted Liberal, they governed, somewhat undemocratically, with a majority. Meanwhile, in the same election, the NDP won only four per cent of the seats in the House, despite the fact that they won eight per cent of the popular vote.

In fact, the system is so screwy it is technically possible to win all 308 seats in the House of Commons while winning only 308 more votes than your opponent, so long as you win each riding by only one vote.

Understandably, only the NDP and the Green Party truly support sweeping changes to Canada's electoral system. Both fringe parties are under-represented time and time again, the latter not represented at all in the House of Commons, despite winning four per cent of the popular vote in the most recent federal election.

Our political institutions not only fail to represent the proper distribution of votes, they also fail to recognize our distributions of sexes.

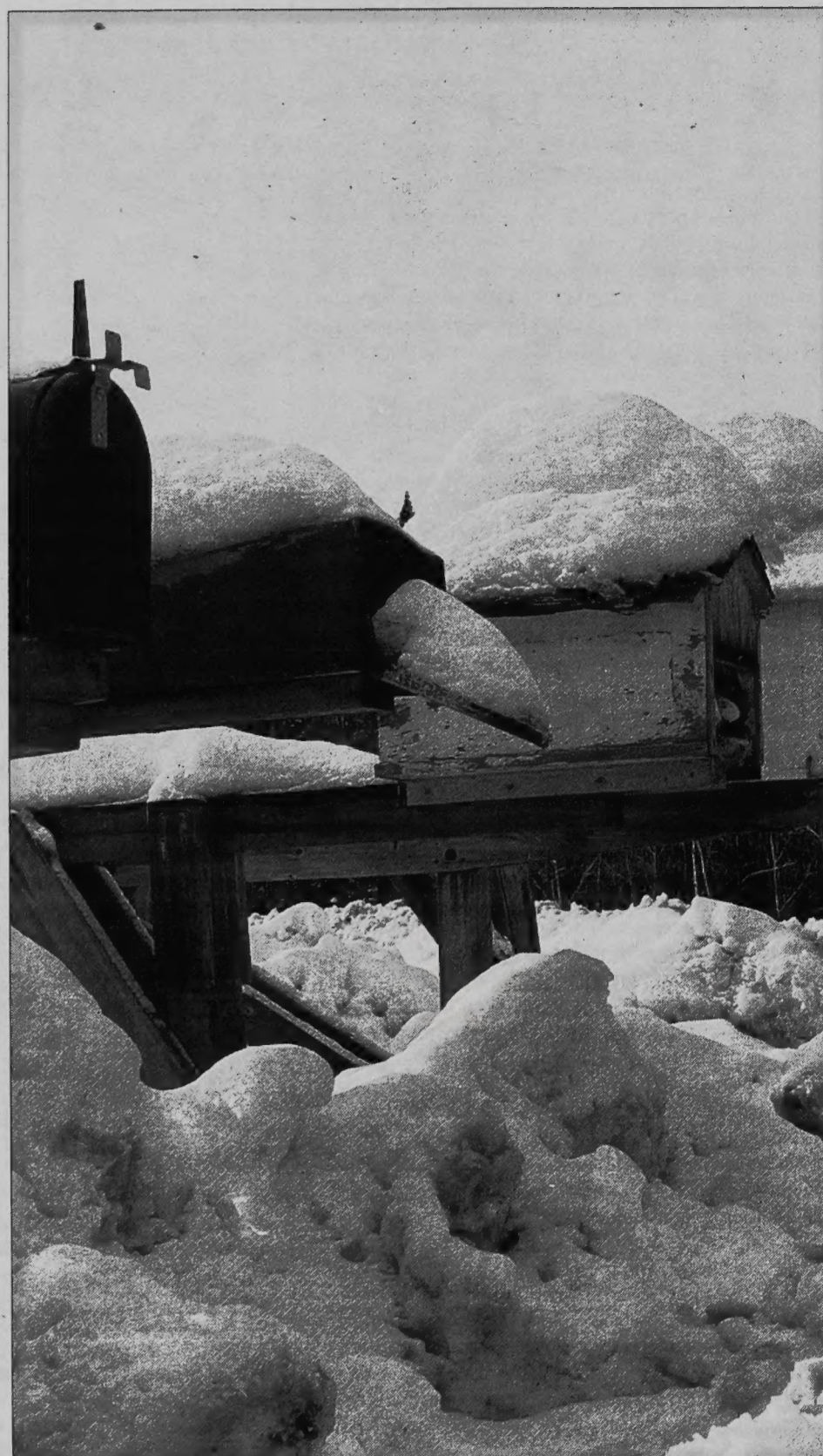
Canadian politics is still, apparently, a game for the old boys, with only 23 per cent of the candidates in this federal election being women. While the NDP fares best among the noteworthy parties with 35 per cent of their candidates being women, it still falls short of what it would be if truly reflective of the Canadian population.

Understandably, while change does not come easy to the governing party that holds the very power we wish to strip away, that unwillingness to govern despite the polls or personal greed urges Canadians to continue to become increasingly uninterested in politics and its players.

As the *Globe and Mail's* national affairs columnist Jeffrey Simpson noted, "Respect for elected officials, as measured by the polls, has plummeted to the depths reserved for used-car salesmen and journalists."

Every vote counts? Not in Canada!

— Bryn Weese



IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Mailboxes all in a row, all in the snow.

Photo, Darren Lum.

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Thanks to Minden hospital

To the Editor:

Over the past several years both of my parents, Bud and Loretta Anderson, dealt with serious life-threatening illnesses. My father had chronic heart failure and my mother had recurring breast cancer. Many trips to the Minden Emergency were made with one or the other of my parents. Some of the trips were by ambulance but most were made by me or other relatives.

The point I am trying to relay is that I would like to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the wonderful care and respect shown to both my parents by the staff of the Minden Emergency. The nurses there who cared for both my father

and mother became like family.

Also, during my mother's final few hours she was transported by ambulance to Haliburton Hospital. We were not familiar with the staff there as we usually go to Minden Emergency. The doctors and nurses as well as the ambulance paramedics treated my Mom with tenderness, compassion and dignity.

On behalf of myself and my family I would like to say thank you again and would like to reiterate how fortunate we are as a community to have access to these facilities.

Cathy Anderson
Minden

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

I've got spurs that jingle, jangle, jingle

These days, the old taboos are quickly being swept aside but, to be honest, I'm still not entirely comfortable with this. Take, for instance, *Brokeback Mountain*, the critically acclaimed film about two gay cowboys who fall in love while out on the open range. By all accounts it's a fine film, maybe even an Oscar winner, but will I go see it?

The problem, for me at least, is the premise. For one, everybody knows that there's no such thing as a gay cowboy. Oh sure, in the past some cowboys donned fur chaps and frilly white sequined shirts. A few even sang happy or romantic songs to their adoring sidekicks, who just happened to be old confirmed bachelors who had publicly sworn off women.

True, some cowboys also wore white after Labour Day and polished their silver, ivory-handled six-shooters before going into the saloon to order a sarsaparilla or two. And, yes, a lot of them, after lonely months on the range, mys-

teriously rejected the lascivious advances of busty saloon girls without even wincing, instead opting out to groom their horse. Heck, there were even a few who wore fancy spurs that jingle-jangle-jingled as they went riding merrily along. But all of that doesn't make them, ah, never mind.

Look, I'm a live-and-let-live kind of guy (married with three kids, by the way) who is absolutely secure in his masculinity. (The wife and I can't keep our hands off each other.) So I have no problem with alternate lifestyles. Hey, if a person wakes up one day and realizes he's a Mennonite, so be it. You can't help what you are.

But now *Brokeback Mountain* has paved the way for huge change. And it has done so quite successfully, too. In fact, I expect that no western will ever

be the same again.

Imagine this scene:

The saloon door swings open. It's a soothing pastel colour.

"Hello Billy, long time no see."

Billy puts down his My Tai. "You haven't changed at all. Curly. Still wearing ugly shoes I see."

"Ugly shoes huh? Swede here says they go with ma' eyes."

"Two years behind the trends in Paris sweet pea. Two years ..."

"Really?"

"Duh, yes ..." he says as he slowly puts down his passion fruit lip balm.

"Draw!"

Both men then pick up sketch books and proceed to conceptualize formal evening gowns. Not that there's anything wrong with that. But you have to



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Steve Galea

admit that it sort of changes the genre.

Look, I'm willing to admit that the world is a far more complex place than most westerns gave it credit for. And, yes, there are probably a few gay cowboys out there, too. But if we let this movie set the pace we'll soon have all sorts of cowboy movies with fewer gun-fights and far more floral arranging. And that just might ruin it for me.

Anyhow, in my books the acid test of a western has always been whether I could visualize John Wayne in it. And, somehow, I can't imagine the Duke frolicking with another man in a wall tent high up on *Brokeback Mountain*. After all, he managed to resist the charm of a young Glen Campbell, the original rhinestone cowboy. Can you say dreamboat?

So the question still remains. That being, will I go see *Brokeback Mountain*? I think we all know the answer to that one. Hell no, I'll wait 'till my wife goes out and rents it on DVD.

Soon you'll need a licence to write

Back in the days when mammoths still walked the earth, the man who gave me my first driver's licence held out great hopes for me.

It took no more than a couple of blocks for me to figure out that I was driving on the wrong side of the road and when I realized my mistake I corrected it without any prodding from him.

When we got to the parking part of the test, I eventually managed to get my parents' car parallel to the curb, if you count oblique as parallel.

In the process, I hit none of the surrounding vehicles with more than a glancing blow.

When I finally stalled the engine, the examiner seemed pleased and relieved that we had come to a full stop and were both unscathed. "You will make a good driver some day," he said as he extricated himself from the passenger's seat. And then he told me I had passed the test and fled.

For a long time now, examiners have been civil servants and you actually have to be able to drive to get your licence, but soon driving skills won't be nearly enough.

Soon the government proposes that high-school dropouts will join dead-beat dads on the list of drivers not fit to be behind the wheel.

Try to think of something that has less

to do with your ability to operate a motor vehicle than the state of your child-support payments or your physical presence in a high school classroom.

Evidently there are bureaucrats who think that you can force teenaged boys to learn when they would rather be greasing a camshaft, or doing whatever it is you do with a camshaft.

Chain a 17-year-old to a desk for six hours a day, pry open his skull and shovel facts into it to overflow and surely he will find the path to self-enlightenment. That sounds like an odd idea to me, but let's run with it.

Let us reach far beyond the government's current ambitions and integrate more fully its licensing and educational departments.

Graduate from high school and go on to university and you automatically get a licence upgrade that lets you drive an 18-wheeler. A master's degree lets you fly a plane.

Each year of post-secondary schooling could be worth points on your driver's exam. Have as much trouble as I did with parallel parking? Just show the examiner

your PhD in Etruscan Vases and he'll give you a pass.

But why stop with drivers' licences?

There are endless possibilities for withholding licences to enforce a bureaucrat's idea of right-thinking behaviour and once we've started, there's no reason the penalty should have anything to do with the offence.

Here are a few modest proposals, at no extra charge:

Want to get married? You'd better be able to present a certificate proving you do not own a pit bull or anything that might look like a pit bull

or even a dog that once met a pit bull.

If you have always dreamed of obtaining a septic tank installer's licence, you'd better be aware of our new rule against being over-perfumed lest you cause olefactory offence.

Speaking of cosmetics, hair stylists will have their licences suspended if they are caught tossing corrugated cardboard in the newspaper-recycling bin.

Bring home-cooked grub to the church supper at Horned Grebe Lake and you will certainly be deprived of your well driller's licence.



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Tell Polish jokes and your electrician's papers will be withdrawn, even if you're from Warsaw. That's the Warsaw in Poland, not the Warsaw down Peterborough way.

If you want a prospector's licence, you will have to prove to the clerk that you own a full wardrobe of plaid shirts and red flannel underwear. (For a prospector, a full wardrobe consists of one of each.) Oh, and you need an old fedora with the brim turned up at the front, and a Gabby Hayes beard.

Middle-aged men wearing that Rolling Stones T-shirt with the big tongue on it will lose their traplines. The good-taste police will see that anybody who wears a John Deere baseball cap over a mullet is never allowed to fish or hunt again.

Attend meetings at which there is talk of the de-amalgamation of Kawartha Lakes or the rescue of the Frost Centre from oblivion and your electrician's licence will be cancelled.

Here's an idea. Let's have an omnibus licence, something like an outdoors card. You must have one in order to acquire any of the other licences.

Offend any law, whether it be the government's or simply one of good taste, and you lose your omnibus licence and the right to do just about anything, including eating popcorn and drinking beer.

Americans are good neighbours

To the Editor:

What is the justification, during the preceding 12 years, for our federal government's objections, at every turn, to the policies of our American good neighbours and friends, not to exclude the insulting and disgusting behaviour toward their president by a member of government from the Mississauga area?

A person of my acquaintance, who has regular business contact with people in the U.S.A., has been emphatically told by them of their disillusionment with Canada. The result is reflected in the

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Times readers write

noticeable absence of their visits with us, including visits to Haliburton County. This matter will take time to heal but corrective measures are on the horizon.

Further to the article by the late Gordon Sinclair (which follows this letter), it was our American neighbours and friends who supplied transportation of our inferior military equipment to troubled zones

for our military personnel.

Without the Americans in World Wars 1 and 11, we Canadians and many others of similar culture persuasion, would unmistakably be dancing to a different tune.

Should Canada be threatened by a disaster, natural or otherwise, the Americans would be first to our aid, even before being asked. And this is the bottom line of a good neighbour policy.

J. B. Trepanier
Minden, Ontario

Gordon Sinclair's broadcast regarding the Americans

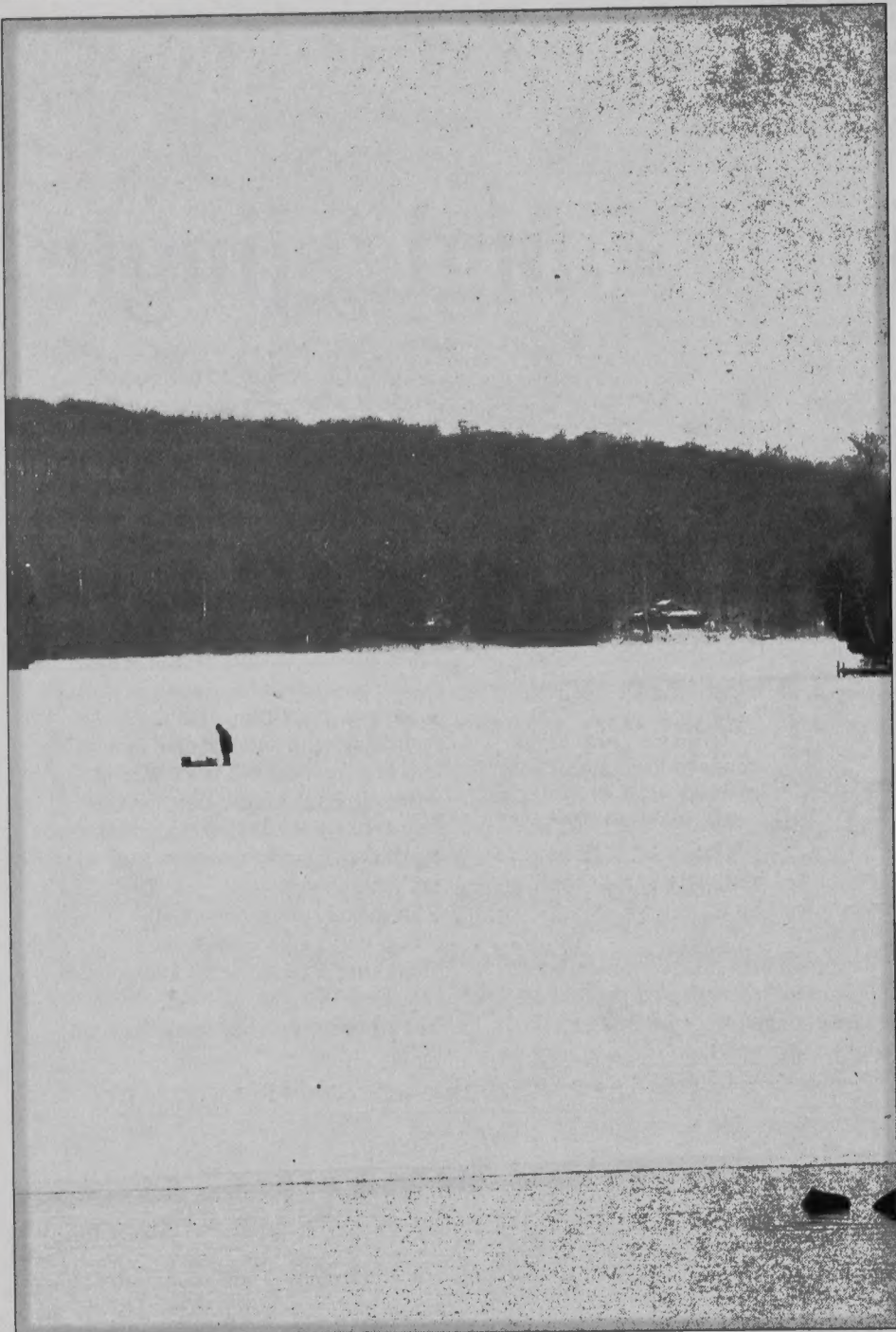
Broadcast June 5, 1973 CFRB, Toronto, Ontario

By Gordon Sinclair

Topic: "The Americans"

The United States dollar took another pounding on German, French, and British exchanges this morning, hitting the lowest point ever known in West Germany. It has declined there by 41% since 1971, and this

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The lone angler

A lone angler waits for the fish on Mountain Lake located a few minutes north of Minden on Hwy. 35. Trout season opened on Jan. 1, but check with the Ministry of Natural Resources for regulations and limits since changes to maintain trout populations have started. Photo, Darren Lum.

'I can name to you 5,000 times when the Americans raced to the help of other people in trouble'

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Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous, and possibly the least-appreciated, people in all the earth.

As long as sixty years ago, when I first started to read newspapers, I read of floods on the Yellow River and the Yangtze. Well who rushed in with men and money to help? The Americans did, that's who.

They have helped control floods on the Nile, the Amazon, the Ganges, and the Niger. Today, the rich bottom land of the Mississippi was under water and no foreign land has sent a dollar to help. Germany, Japan, and, to a lesser extent, Britain and Italy, were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans who poured in billions of dollars and forgave other billions in debts. None of those countries is today paying them the interest on its remaining debts to the United States.

When the franc was in danger of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up, and their reward was to be insulted and swindled on the streets of Paris. And I was there — I saw that. When distant cities are hit by earthquake, it is the United States that hurries into help, Managua, Nicaragua, is one of the most recent examples.

So far this spring, fifty-nine American communities have been flattened by tornadoes. Nobody has helped.

The Marshall Plan, the Truman Policy, all pumped billions of dollars into discouraged countries. And now, newspapers in those countries are writing about the decadent, war-mongering Americans.

Now, I'd like to see one of those countries that is gloating over the erosion of the United States dollar build its own airplanes.

Come on now, you, let's hear it! Does any other country in the world have a plane to equal the Boeing Jumbo Jet, the Lockheed Tristar, or the Douglas 10? If so, why don't they fly them? Why do all international lines except Russia fly American planes? Why does no other land on earth even consider putting a man or a woman on the

moon?

You talk about Japanese technocracy and you get radios. You talk about German technocracy and you get automobiles. You talk about American technocracy and you find men on the moon, not once, but several times, and, safely home again. You talk about scandals and the Americans put theirs right in the store window for everybody to look at. Even the draft dodgers are not pursued and hounded. They're right here on our streets in Toronto. Most of them, unless they're breaking Canadian laws, are getting American dollars from Ma and Pa at home to spend up here.

When the Americans get out of this bind — as they will — who could blame then if they said "the hell with the rest of the world. Let somebody else buy the bonds. Let somebody else build or repair foreign dams, or design foreign buildings that won't shake apart in earthquakes." When the railways of France, and Germany, and India were breaking down through age, it was the Americans who rebuilt them. When the Pennsylvania Railroad and the New York Central went broke, nobody loaned them an old caboose. Both of 'em are still broke.

I can name to you 5,000 times when the Americans raced to the help of other people in trouble. Can you name to me even one time when someone else raced to the Americans in trouble? I don't think there was outside help even during the San Francisco earthquake.

Our neighbours have faced it alone, and I am one Canadian who is damned tired of hearing them kicked around. They'll come out of this thing with their flag high. And when they do, they're entitled to thumb their noses at the lands that are gloating over their present troubles. I hope Canada is not one of these. But there are many smug, self-righteous Canadians.

And finally, the American Red Cross was told at its 48th Annual meeting in New Orleans this morning that it was broke.

This year's disasters — with the year less than half-over — has taken it all. And nobody, but nobody, has helped.

Attention Parents & Grandparents

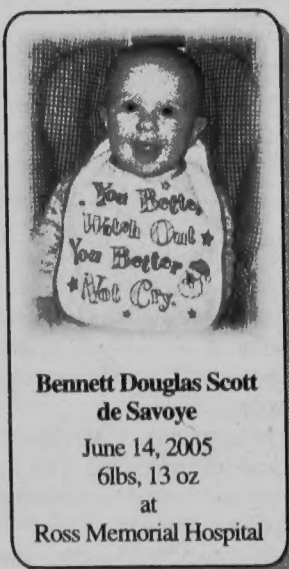
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Maple syrup providers tap into resources

Whether you have dabbled in making maple syrup or are only thinking about it, there's a chance to learn more about the process next weekend at Buckhorn.

Members of the Haliburton-Kawartha local of the Ontario Maple Syrup Producers Association will be holding their annual meeting Saturday, Jan. 21, and the event is open to the public.

Besides the usual business of an annual meeting, there will be seminars on testing and sap and syrup cleanliness, a report on pricing and displays by local equipment dealers.

The meeting takes place at the Buckhorn Community Centre and lasts from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with time out for a roast-beef dinner at noon.

Tickets must be reserved by January 15. For more information, contact Sam McLean in Lakefield by telephone at 1-705-657-2134 or via e-mail smclean@nexi-com.net. Cost for the day is \$20.

Guests are invited to bring a sample of their own syrup for the testing session, conducted by longtime producers Ross and Lois Steed of Indian River, Ont., and John Henderson of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

The Steeds, who were 2005 winners of the Ontario Maple Syrup Award, will demonstrate Brix testing for sugar content and maple grading and answer questions.

A panel of three local producers and OMAFRA's Dave Chapeskie will discuss cleanliness, with a special emphasis

on the end-of-season cleanup.

The other panelists and facilitator Jim Moore of Janetville, all are Seal of Quality producers, which means they have met rigorous standards in their own operations.

Besides Chapeskie, the panel includes Lori Burt of Hastings, Louis Gyori of Cardiff, and Roger Hutchinson of Carnarvon.

Chapeskie will make a presentation on pricing and Henderson will provide an update on regulatory issues involving maple syrup.

A visit to the dealers, booths during the long lunch break at noon might be as good a place as any for beginners to educate themselves.

Forest health the focus of woodlot conference on February 16

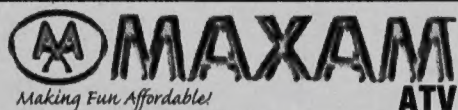
The 2006 Winter Woodlot Conference is a one-day annual event that offers an opportunity for woodlot owners, forestry industry personnel, conservationists and foresters to get together to discuss forestry issues. The 2006 conference is on February 16 at the Moose Lodge, McLaughlin Road, Lindsay.

Commercial and educational displays will be in place throughout the day. The morning sessions will deal with the forest health update; forest genetics and seed collection; declining health of small woodlots and decline of songbirds and other concerns, and regenerating desirable fruit and nut species.

A delicious hot roast beef dinner is available for lunch but only if you pre-register. Pre-registration costs \$25 which includes the lunch. Registration at the door is \$15 but does not include dinner.

The afternoon sessions are also guaranteed to be informative and worthwhile. The afternoon will start off with a session on preventing rural crime, new for the Woodlot Conference but important for every rural resident. It will be followed by an update on the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program, invasive species and finally burls and wood turning.

For information or to pre-register contact Dave Pridham or Marielle LaPalme, Victoria Land and Water Stewardship Council, C/O OMAFRA Resource Centre, 322 Kent Street West, Lindsay, K9V 4T7.



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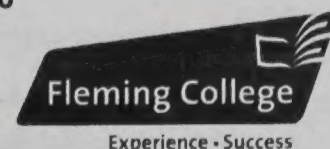
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New gallery exhibit is all in the family

Carl Beam, Ann Beam, Anong Migwans Beam
IT'S ALL RELATIVE
Exhibition at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery
January 4 to February 4

The manner with which we walk through life is each man's most important responsibility and we should remember this every new sunrise.

~ Thomas Yellow Tail, Crow Holy Man (1903-1993)

The Agnes Jamieson Gallery is proud to present a breathtaking exhibition of internationally-recognized Canadian artists Carl Beam, Ann Beam and their daughter Anong Migwans Beam. Touring from the Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery in Waterloo, and curated by Virginia Eichhorn, this exhibition captures beliefs and culture with striking imagery on clay vessels. The highest calibre exhibition to visit the Agnes Jamieson Gallery yet, the show sets a precedent for 2006.

"We're extremely excited with this exhibition," says curator Laurie Carmount. "With the new addition and renovations bringing us to the public gallery standards we are now allowed to bring these incredible shows to the community. No longer does one need to travel to Peterborough or Barrie - we have the exhibitions here."

Carl Beam was born in Manitoulin, West Bay in 1943. His mother was Ojibwe; his father was non-native. Raised among a large, extended family, Carl learned the stories of the First Nations people from the Island elders. He learned

of the atrocities against and virtual cultural genocide of the Native peoples of Canada, including his own experience as a survivor of the enforced residential school system. He took this knowledge with him when, as a young man, he left the Island. Carl said that when he left, he never expected to return to Manitoulin. He headed west with his first wife and their five children: Clinton, Veronica, Laila, Carl Jr. and Jennifer.

Ann Beam was born Alin Rivers, in the Great Smokey Mountains of the eastern United States in 1944. Her mother was Cherokee. She was raised by her adoptive parents Samuel and Rosita Weatherby who gave her the tools to become an artist. She received a Bachelor of Fine Art at the University of New York, Buffalo, in 1968. She immigrated to Canada the same year. She lived and worked as an artist in Toronto, teaching art classes at the Art Gallery of Ontario and The Three Schools of Art. She and Carl Beam met through their art work in 1979. As Ann said softly, with a smile, the rest is history.

And indeed it was. The fertile union between these two strong artists has resulted not only in a lovely and talented daughter, Anong Migwans Beam, but in distinct art practices which have seen their work recognized and profiled in galleries and museums world-wide.

Carl and Ann Beam have established international reputations as innovators in the contemporary art scene. Carl's work is distinguished by its frequently critical examinations of historic and contemporary political events. Technically Beam is regarded as an innovator for his intention-

al blurring of diverse art practices, thereby enabling certain methodologies and techniques to acquire new contexts.

Carl's distinctive imagery comes from many sources. Motifs and symbols may have a particular import but they always have a significance that is far-reaching as well. For instance, a feather can represent nature. It can symbolize a bird which can stand for the soul or which can be meant to evoke the trickster Nanabush. Yet the feather stands for so much more than that.

The Beam family's true name is Migwans which means feather or bird. Like many First Nations people, their original family names were taken away and they were given English names instead. One of Carl's most simple yet poignant paintings is a depiction of a single feather. Underneath he has written Carl Absolutely Nothing Beam to evoke the meaninglessness of this appointed moniker.

Other imagery that appears again and again in his work deals with the concepts around judgment and understanding. Imagery is used to remind the viewer that prejudices and judgments of other civilizations, of different ways of being, can have disastrous and long-ranging ramifications that will adversely effect the entire world. He reminds us over and over again that in our limited vision and understanding of the interconnectedness of humanity and the world around us, we are dooming ourselves and our world to extinction. However, pursuit of true, inclusive knowledge, and respect for the world around us, will save us from that fate.

Ann Beam's works combine images of personal and cultural significance. Some

of her concerns have been violence against women (East of the Diamond Lightning), the exploration and expansion of the Mother archetype (Studies in the Motherline), the politics and passion of housebuilding in stabilized adobe (Subdivision Suite, Earth Builder's Narrative) and the synergy of male and female energy (North American Tantra). About her work, Ann has said "I use my imagination as a tool to take me forward. To pull out of spirit a unique synthesis of who I am and what I can envision. I work in a nonverbal area of image and archetype. All human progress is the result of imagination."

Ann depicts images which serve as a strong reminder of the symbiotic relationship that exists between all living beings. And they subtly remind us that for there to be harmony there must also be respect.

Having spent most of her life on Manitoulin Island, it was perhaps inevitable that nature would make up so much of Anong's subject matter. Lush and opulent flowers; brilliantly coloured birds; the energy of the waves of an ocean that goes on and on and on.... These are the elements that she evokes through a subtle line here, a turn of her brush there. Her flora and fauna, elements and animal life, are poised and contained elegantly framed within the organic confines of her pots, platters, jars or teacups. Her ceramic pieces are places of calm and graciousness.

The Beams' art is fully integrated within their lifestyle. And while they do work closely together they nonetheless maintain independent and distinctive art practices.

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Michael Belmore and Maryanne Barkhouse take in the new exhibit at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, *It's All Relative*, at Saturday's opening reception.

Clay vessels embody family's views on nature

from page 10

While the Beams are best known for their paintings and works on paper they have been creating ceramic work for almost 25 years now. As with their two-dimensional works, these ceramic pieces are distinctive and utilize a multiplicity of techniques.

In 1980 Ann and Carl Beam were living in the American Southwest. The discovery of the techniques and materials used by the Native Americans in creating their works acted as the catalyst for the Beams' excitement about the possibilities of ceramics as a part of their art practice. The most important aspect, for the Beams, was that the pottery was hand-built rather than wheel thrown. This allowed for a greater potential of shapes and encouraged them to experiment. The Beams fully explored these possibilities creating ceramic works which were entirely created with natural materials that they had found themselves - paint stones, dug earth, etcetera. The act of pottery making became in effect a manifestation of their personal philosophy placed in context with world events.

In 1992 they were once more living on Manitoulin Island and began working on an adobe home. The Beams hand-built their adobe house. Its aesthetic forms are organic, simple and rounded, often molded by hand. Their adobe house became, to a certain extent, a large-scale project which evolved naturally out of their earlier experiences with Native American pottery and the building vernacular of the

American southwest.

Thematically, they posit that endemic hunger and homelessness worldwide could be cured through exploration and development of previously marginalized resources. In particular, Carl Beam uses hominy corn and adobe structure as signature metaphors within his work, as well as forwarding them as real solutions to the pervasive problems faced by our contemporary society. Ann Beam's use of images of plants has a two-fold significance. These are plants that have medicinal and spiritual significance. The importance of these plants has been known for centuries yet was at risk of being lost through wide-spread reliance on pharmaceuticals. Her work reminds us that the ultimate source of sustenance, of healing many of our ills, begins and ends with what we find naturally in Mother Earth. Anong's bowls and tea sets combine the beautiful with the utilitarian. She subtly evokes the sense of nurturing and caring for one another as basic needs for food and drink are entwined with beauty, its essence created from the materials of the world around her.

In one sense, what each of the Beams put forward through their art, is that knowledge regardless of cultural source of origin is meant to be shared. It shouldn't matter whether something originates in the American southwest or the Far East of Asia - if something is good, has value, has meaning then it should become the property of humankind. Sharing of this good knowledge benefits us all.

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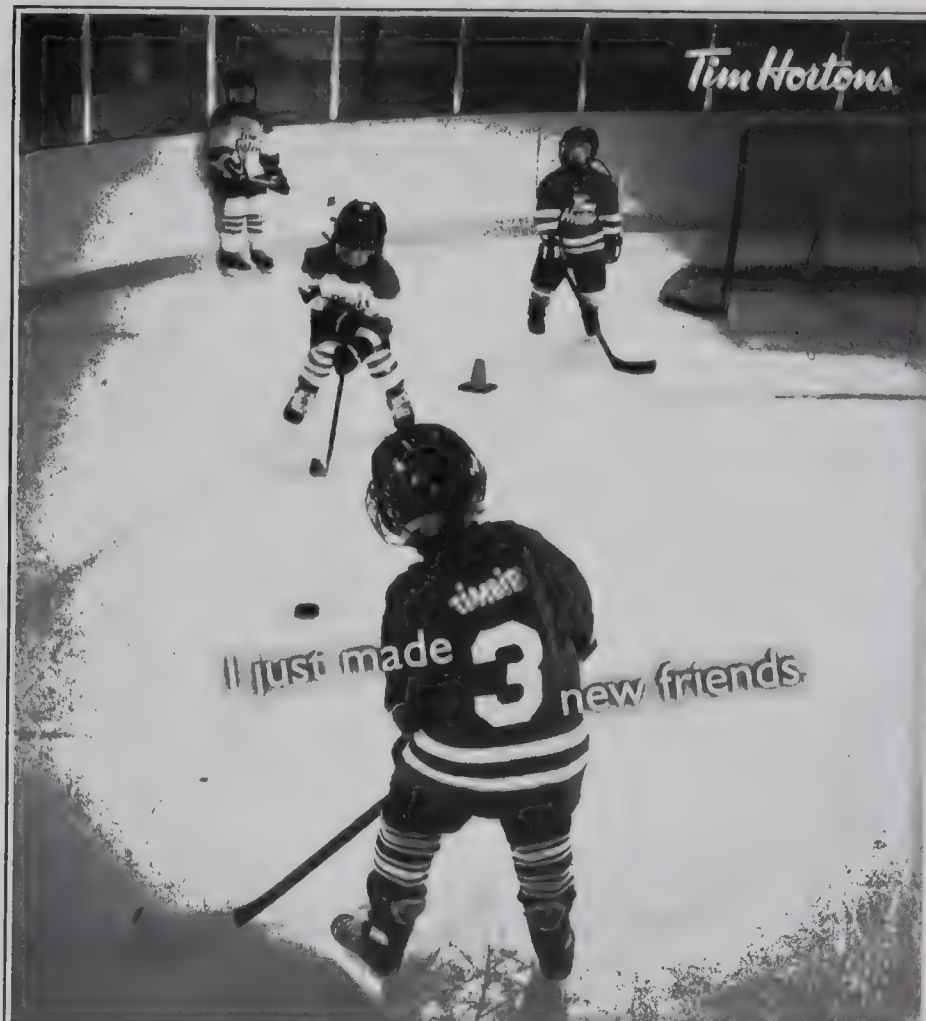
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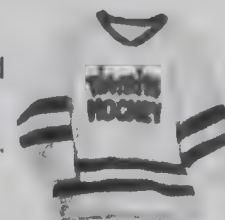
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Hockey night in Algonquin Highlands

The Carmounts and family friends were relieving their anxiety on their backyard rink before the big hockey game of Canada against Finland Tuesday evening, Jan. 3. Robin Carmount said he started the rink at the start of December and expects to have it until spring. Photo, Darren Lum.

Haliburton Highlands skiers do well in Muskoka competition

Results for members of the Haliburton Highlands Cross Country Ski Club who participated in the Muskoka Loppet at Arrowhead Nordic Ski Club on Sunday January 8:

30 km Classic

Men 40-49

5th Blake Paton 1:46:50

12th Mike Darlington 2:12:50

Men 50-59

8th Bob Heyes 2:12:46

Men 60-69

3rd Marcel Crete 2:13:39

Women 20-29

3rd Joleen Thomas 2:50:49

Women 40-49

3rd Tina Koskelo 2:23:34

4th Jennifer Paton 2:33:53

Women 50-59

3rd Jane Heyes 2:54:35

15 km Classic

Men 50-59

7th Mac Ellis 1:39:47

Men 70+

3rd Peter Brogden 1:50:20

Women 40-49

8th Linda Shantz 1:35:01

Inn hosts cross-country ski workshop to introduce beginners to the sport

Loralea Country Inn is hosting a cross country ski workshop that will introduce the joys of the sport to newcomers and help experienced skiers improve their skills.

It's on Sat., March 11. People will gather at the Halls Lake lodge for drills and games in the morning and then ski the trails at the nearby Frost Centre after lunch. Taught by

Ski for Life, it's a good learning opportunity for beginners, daytrippers and novice and intermediate skiers. The \$35 fee includes proven, qualified instruction and all necessary equipment (skis, boots, and poles). Lunch is an additional \$10.

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Bowling statistics

Tuesday Afternoon Jan 3/06

High Average: Ken Thompson 216, Lillian Mattsson 181

High Single: Ken Thompson 320, Hazel Benetin 224

High Single HC: Ken Thompson 329, Hazel Benetin 297

High Single: Ken Thompson 749, Hazel Benetin 493

High Triple HC: Ken Thompson 776, Hazel Benetin 712

Tuesday Night

Jan 3/06

High Average: Ken Thompson 218, Marlene Robinson 204

High Single: Doug Nash 220, Barb Nash 266

High Single HC: Jeremy Burk 268, Barb Nash 314

High Triple: Doug Nash 591, Barb Nash 634

High Triple HC: Ed Hussel 713, Barb Nash 778

Wednesday Afternoon

High Average: Ken Thompson 210, Marie Thompson 172

High Single: John Whitty 261, Marg Schepers 229

High Single HC: John Whitty 283, Marg Schepers 289

High Triple: Ken Thompson 709, Myra Marshall 548

High Triple HC: John Whitty 700, Myra Marshall 746

Thursday Afternoon

Jan 5/06

High Average: Ken Thompson 218, Shirley Webb 169

High Single: Ken Thompson 275, Georgina Parkes 208

High Single HC: Bruno Campagnolo 295, Georgina Parkes 266

High Triple: Ken Thompson 688, Georgina Parkes 587

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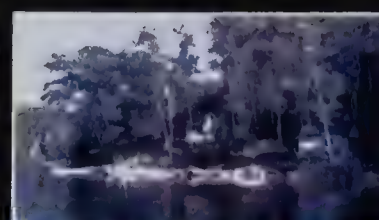
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**NEW LISTING!****SCOTCH LINE RD. \$249,000.**

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**TORY HILL \$129,900.**

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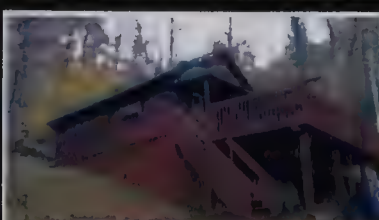
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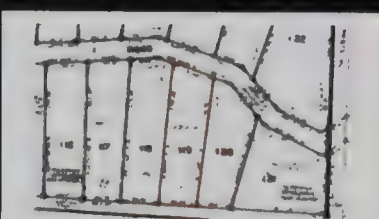
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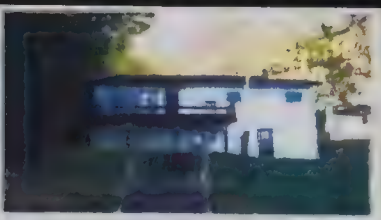
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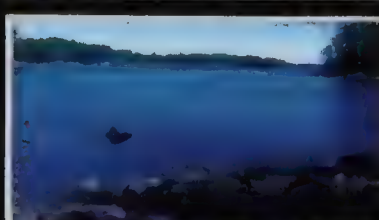
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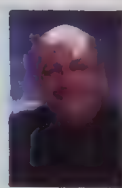
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Kinmount United Church re-dedicated

Rev. Desmond Howard presides over the Little White Church on the Hill

A few Decembers ago while in Cancun, Mexico we learned that the more festive celebration of Christmas did not take place until January 6th coinciding with the arrival of the three gift-bearing wisemen. Now that date has passed and, failing to find any link between our Christmas trees and ringing in the Chinese New Year, I have reluctantly packed away ornaments and greenery. Watching the glow of those twinkling tree lights against the darkened evening was magical. If the resulting feeling of tranquility could only be bottled what a great remedy for stress reduction it would make.

A wonderful service of re-dedication took place at Kinmount United Church this past Sunday. With Rev. Desmond Howard presiding on that morning the congregation eagerly looked forward to new beginnings as a single point pastoral charge within the Lindsay Presbytery of the United Church of Canada. Sunday Service will continue to be held at 9:45 a.m. at the Little White Church on the Hill, 35 Cluxton Street, Kinmount.

At the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace renovations are underway during the month of January to increase and improve display and storage areas. The official re-opening will take place on Saturday, February 4 so do plan to visit. The Marketplace will continue open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through to Victoria Day weekend.

The Annual Meeting of the Galway & Area Ratepayers Association will be held this Saturday, January 14, at the Galway Hall on Galway Road beginning at 10 a.m. All residents both permanent and seasonal are encouraged to attend.

The first issue of Original Roots, the newsletter published by the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group, arrived in the mail this week with its always interesting information. The HHHG year began on January 1 with an annual membership fee of \$10. You can make direct inquiries to the group at Box 834, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, by e-mail to hhggroup@gmail.com. or give Gail Leach - Wunker a call at 705-286-2225. This is a great resource for starting that family tree project.

Pauline Johnson of the Haliburton Highland Writers and Editors Group sends along this item of interest to all area writers. The writer in residence program at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre is presenting a workshop on the use of mythology in writing.

Myths passed down by word of mouth were the original stories that people created to explain the workings and natural elements of the world in which they lived. Because



AROUND THE TOWN

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human nature is universal basic character types, plots and themes have endured over the centuries since the human race came into existence. Come out and join the discussion led by Lea Harper and Fay Wilkinson on this fascinating topic. It's on Thursday, January 19 from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Centre. Everyone is welcome. In case of very bad weather it will be moved to February 2.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

Not all events were held over the past week but a full slate should appear in the next column.

January 3 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: In first with 430 points was the duo of Helen Skelding and Jim Meadows then Joan Meadows and Connie Sawyer second at 419 and Laura Carnegie teamed with Bob Clark third at 323. Jean Clark and George Bye took the low score with 186 points.

January 3 contract bridge at Stanhope: Mary and Len McNeice and Joan and Ross Davies had single Slams while Diana Spicer partnered with Ross Fletcher took two. Leading the scoring was Bruce Armstrong with 6270 followed by Ross Fletcher 5970, Harold Cox 5490 and Ross Davies 5290. Muriel McIntosh won the lucky draw, Chuck

Wilson the Shiny Penny and for Bruce Armstrong the H.I. Award recognizing him as the Haliburton Invader.

January 4 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Using the Howell method the top three teams were Jacqueline Metcalf and Ross Fletcher at 57%, Stella McMillan and Ross Davies 56% and Harold Cox partnered with Chuck Wilson 54%.

January 4 bid euchre at Stanhope: Single moonshots went to Percy Butler along with Sharon and Rob Evans with Jack Cox taking two. For the pinks Helen Windsor tied with Gala Stamp for top spot at 288 then Barb Robitaille 285 and Willie Cox 255. First for the whites was Percy Butler 271 then John Grinberger 259 and Stan Dutka 253.

January 5 euchre at the Minden Legion: Lone hand honours went to Gala Stamp and Marcel Roussel with Edith Burch and Tom Grix recording the highs. Betty Knaption and Jesse Barlow took the evening's lows while Jim Bradbury, John Mallon, Don Burch [2] and Jesse Barlow won the other prizes.

January 6 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: It was our reporter Doreen Francis winning for high hands, Helen Skelding for lone hands and Albert Foster taking both low hands and the draw.

Model railroad volunteers needed

Does the sound of a train's whistle evoke happy memories? Do you wish there was still a train that ran from Lindsay to Haliburton?

Indulge your passion for trains while sharing it with others by becoming a volunteer with the Kinmount Model Railroad display.

The group that runs the public display at Austin Heritage Park needs your help, especially since the group is down to one volunteer.

Bob Mitchell is one of the founding members of the project and he needs your help this summer.

The model was started in April 1994 and is on display at the old train station in Kinmount every summer.

The model shows Kinmount in detail (circa 1920) including Austin Sawmill and features Black Rock, Howland Junction,

Kenricks Creek Trestle Bridge, Donald, Lochlin, Gould's Crossing and Haliburton (the end of line).

Volunteers do not need to know about model railroading, but should enjoy talking to our many visitors - local and international - while showing this historic model railroad to them.

Meanwhile, work on restoring the Austin Sawmill commenced in the fall of 2005 and is expected to continue over the winter and into summer.

Visitors to the park and Farmers Market will be able to view the progress of the restoration from a safe viewing location.

When finished at the sawmill and market, visitors may wish to visit the railroad station which houses the Kinmount Model Railroad and afterward walk the old railbed to the Kinmount Artisans Market Place.

January 6 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Under the Howell method Chuck Wilson and Ross Fletcher were first at 67% followed by Norma Crewson and Stella McMillan second at 61% and Muriel McIntosh partnered with Kelly Metcalf third at 52%.

January 6 bid euchre at Club 35: It was a Pearson evening at Club 35 with no election connection. Moonshots landed on Tom Pearson, Marnie Butler and Helen Windsor along with Pat and Jean Scadden. First for the pinks at 290 was our reporter Mary Pearson then Jean Randell 264 and Helen Windsor 249. Tom Pearson led the whites at 317 with Percy Butler 285 second and Pat Scadden 258 third while Tom McCartney held the hidden score.

January 7 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Moonshot quartet members were Elli Langpohl, June Branning, Marcel Roussel and our reporter Gala Stamp. For the pinks it was Elli Langpohl at 264 then Pearl Cowen 227 and Margaret Fletcher 225. Pat Scadden topped the whites at 282 with June Branning second at 276 and Marcel Roussel 251 third. The draws went to Gala Stamp, Isobel Cherwenka and Edith Burch.

January 9 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion: In first place with 259 was Phyllis Windsor then Eileen Shepstone filling the second high slot at 240. Moonshots went to Marjorie Paradis [2] and Phyllis Windsor while Vic Ballik won the draw. Thanks to Theresa Deak for this update.

January 9 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: In the lone hands column it was Mabel Deacon and Ken Rowden with Mabel also winning a special prize along with Gala Stamp. For the ladies Helen Luffman was high and Gala Stamp low with Jesse Barlow taking men's high and Lorne Dinesen men's low.

January 9 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Gala Stamp won for high hands, Albert Foster for lone hands, Martha Harding for low hands and Maria Tschida for the draw.

January 9 cribbage at the Minden Legion: First place winner was Helen Luffman with Tom Grix second and Syd Adamson third. The other prizes went to Syd Adamson, Tom Grix, Joe Rivers and our reporter Elva Paisley.

January 9 euchre at Club 35: Colleen Davison held the most lone hands with Verna Sawyer taking both ladies' high and the baloney. Betty Wagar recorded the ladies' low while for the gents Harry Randell was high and Stan Dutka low.

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David Suzuki to speak about Frost Centre

Local ratepayer Napier Simpson is delighted that Dr. David Suzuki has agreed to speak on the merits of the Frost Centre being reopened and the importance of environmental and outdoor education for children.

Says Simpson, "He is a trail blazer in environmental education and activism, and his offer to speak on the Frost's behalf is a very flattering and exciting opportunity."

The event takes place on Thursday, February 9 at The Macleod Auditorium in the Medical Sciences Building at the University of Toronto (1 King's College Circle, Toronto). If you travel downtown by subway, get off at Queen's Park and



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then walk West on the north side.

The gathering will begin with some folk acoustic entertainment, and will end with Dr. David Suzuki's speech. "This is in all of our best interests so I am hoping that you can all show your support and attend," says Simpson.

The tickets can be purchased for \$35 adult / \$25 student on-line or over the phone at <http://www.uoftix.ca>. They can be mailed to you or picked up at the door

on the night of the event.

Simpson points out that 100 per cent of the proceeds will go towards the Friends of the Frost and its work to fund the reopening of the Frost Centre for environmental and outdoor education. If you are unable to make it, due to distance or prior engagements, you can "sponsor" an attendee (such as a student who otherwise would not be able to attend due to finances). Contact information will fol-

low in next week's column.

Simpson has supplied an update about the facility for local ratepayers. The government is now trying to lease out the Frost Centre's main campus (the rest of the lands are still being held by the ORC and are "on hold"). It issued a "Request For Expressions of Interest and Submissions of Qualifications" (RFQ No. 05C027) on December 28. In it, the government outlined its goals and the responsibilities that the any new Lessee must assume. Interested parties are given until January 27, 2006 to express interest. Then by February 24, 2006, the interested parties must put together a comprehensive

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Keep Frost Centre at the forefront in minds of door-to-door campaigning politicians

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sive multi-step business proposal outlining a long term financial viability plan for reopening the center. During March, the government will review the applications, choose the top choices and then decide from there.

"These timelines are very tight [I would suggest highly unreasonable] and the Friends of the Frost will have to work quickly to put something together. The problem has been that the information that we require to do a proper analysis has not been released to the public and will only be available in Toronto or Minden for review from January 27 to February 17," says Simpson.

"The one very positive thing to come out of this is that the public pressure and the strong role that the Friends of the Frost and the Perma-Frost group played, resulted in the government accepting the terms that we pushed for: that the basis for choosing the best lessee candidate must be based upon the party who can deliver environmental and outdoor education activities year round as a core program. So for all of the 'naysayers,' this is proof that just a little work has gone a long way. Although as a community we have made great strides, we are only half way there and the next step is to push and ensure that the long-term lessee - the biggest and most powerful resident on our lake, is someone who has the community's and the environment's best interests at heart. Friends of the Frost are hoping to be that representative."

The Friends of the Frost Centre, an incorporated non-profit charitable organization, invites individuals, organizations, and businesses interested in supporting or being part of the Friends' bid to e-mail friendsofthefrostcentre@gmail.com.

Buoyed by a clear vision, strong community support, a keen and competent board of directors and the services of a business consultant, the Friends of the Frost Centre are busy crunching the numbers and seeking partners, sponsors and potential bookings to develop a viable business model. The Friends' goal is to re-establish the Frost Centre as Ontario's

premier environmental and outdoor education in this United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.

Simpson concludes with a reminder that if anyone comes to your door campaigning for the federal election, it's a good time to bring up the Frost closing to try to keep the issue at the forefront of all politicians' minds.

Eleanor Harrison, reeve of Algonquin Highlands, sends us a New Year's message. "On behalf of council, it is my pleasure to bring season's greetings to all as 2006 is about to unfold and 2005 fades into history. The coming of the New Year provides all of us with an ideal time to take stock and look to the future with hope.

"To quote Edith Lovejoy Pierce, 'We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day.'

"As council embarks on another year, we will be opening that book. We will continue to deal with and find resolve for many significant issues that have impacted and will continue to impact the quality of our lives here in Algonquin Highlands. Council's resolution is to keep our plans moving forward to conclusion with the necessary mix of optimism and realism. The year 2006 will be another year of changes and important decision-making for our community. This council, with helpful and constructive input from citizens, will have to carefully evaluate the projects and services that will be funded in order for Algonquin Highlands to move forward and, at the same time, retain the services that the majority of our citizens feel are important to ensure the quality of the life we want.

"My wish for the New Year is that our community will continue to be a community for the caring and a community where we can enjoy the full circle of our lives: working, raising our children and retiring. On behalf of all of council, I wish each and every one of you a happy, healthy and prosperous new year."

Here's an update on the ice fishing in Stanhope. Eric Christensen of Buttermilk

Falls Resort reports, "Our huts are on 10 inches of ice, the best ice in six years. Three people caught 12 lake trout and one whitefish in the first couple of days of the year. Looks like a great season."

Renzo Rosati, a volunteer firefighter for

Stanhope, cautions those who are ice fishing, "Always check ice thickness before venturing out onto lakes with your huts."

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

To submit any item of interest to this regular weekly column, please e-mail bpjohnson@sympatico.ca or call (705) 489-3878.

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Holidays hectic at Hyland Crest

Baking, music and bingo kept everyone busy

A Happy New Year to everyone from all your friends here at Hyland Crest. It certainly seems that winter has finally arrived and settled in for a spell. Just in time for all the winter sports that so many people enjoy. Our Christmas spirits were kept high as we enjoyed many holiday activities. Christmas is a busy time here at Hyland Crest just as it is everywhere. We have many wonderful people to thank for making our holiday season bright.

Volunteers from our palliative and pastoral committees took us on a Musical Christmas Journey. All of our churches were involved and the music and readings brought a smile to each one of us. We were thrilled when all the residents received such a thoughtful gift from the congregation of Our Lady of Fatima Church. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your kind hearts and bringing the spirit of Christmas to us.

The winners of our snowman raffle were Blanche and Harvey MacIntosh. This cute snowman was donated by Ginger Kulas and the money raised went to our Residents' Council. Thank you Ginger for your generous donation.

Could you smell the delicious aromas drifting through the halls? That was our baking program and the ladies made some scrumptious treats. Mary Goldsmith, Carmel Emmerson, Doris Foster, Florence Harrison, Joan Kernohan, Doris Moore, and Gladys Sedgwick made toffee bars that made our mouths water. Another day Margaret Feero, Cecil Smith, Margaret Foote, and Dorothy Shaddock got together to make

SENIOR LEAGUE

News from Hyland Crest

butterscotch crunch bars that were out of this world. We sure remember the baking that goes along with the Christmas season and enjoyed getting together to do some ourselves.

The Minden Bible Church came to sing carols with us one afternoon down in the Fireplace Lounge. We so enjoy singing along to all these favourite tunes and thank the congregation for providing us with delicious treats and fellowship. Thank you also to Haley Lynch, Jeremy McCrea, and Sheila Corp for your help at the program.

Our Christmas party as always was a huge success. Billy and Ed Pickard were here to entertain us and entertain they did! The kitchen staff provided us with scrumptious goodies and we ate and ate until we couldn't eat any more. Santa and Mrs. Claus were here to hand out gifts for all and what fun we had! We also celebrated a birthday that day, one of our ever-faithful volunteers. Yes, you Pearl had a birthday and we just had to wish you a Happy Birthday! Thanks also to Bob for always being there for us when we need you; we sure appreciate it. Sharon Sisson was also kind enough to bake goodies for a Pub Night as well as donate bingo prizes for our weekend bingos. Thanks so much. A big thank-you to Hitch Hitchcock, Katrina Shaddock, Mary Hamilton, Sue Sisson and Ann

Walker from our Family Council; they wrapped all the gifts for our Christmas party.

Our entertainers for Happy Hour this month were Northern Jam, Dick and Les Schell, along with Burt and Pat Bonnell. We always have so much fun with these groups singing along and tapping our toes to the music they provide. Thank you so much. A special thank-you to Northern Jam for faithfully bringing us a beautiful Christmas ornament every year to hang on our tree. It is such a kind gesture and we love them.

Santa and Mrs. Claus took time out of their busy schedule to pay us another visit just before Christmas. They went to each and every room making sure we all got a welcome hug or handshake. These two kind souls are what Christmas is all about and we love you both, Bob Nesbitt and Yvonne Taylor. They also brought us yet another gift, this one from the Minden Ladies Hospital Auxiliary. Thank you, ladies, for your kindness.

Our dining rooms sure looked festive on Christmas and New Year's Day with placemats gorgeously decorated by our craft group that meets every Tuesday afternoon. Barb and Fern bring their talents each week to ensure each holiday has a stunning placemat to go along with it. Thank you, Barb and Fern.

Christmas Day brought many friends and family members to our home. The kitchen staff again provided delicious goodies and treats galore and a big thank-you goes to these wonderful souls for going out of their way to make our day so special. We also want to send a

huge thank-you to Janet Horsley and Peter Scheffee for taking time out of their Christmas Day to pay everyone a visit, with a gift and a smile that warmed our hearts. Thank you, Janet and Peter.

Our Christmas Lights bus trip had to be cancelled because of the weather but we made the best of it with a game of bingo instead. Pearl did the calling and Madge Morris, Lillian Millar, Lilian Harrison, Marvel Eager, Inez Riel, Hazel Austen and Elli Boehm were all winners. Thank you, Pearl, for your help.

We were so sorry to hear of the death of Louella (Lou) Fischbach, and Ralph Meyers. Our sympathy goes to their family and friends at this time.

We would like to welcome Madge Morris and Gertrude Obee to our home and hope you enjoy it here with us.

Well, that's all the news for now, and again, Happy New Year to all.

God Bless.

Public meeting planned to discuss Kinmount water treatment plant

The City of Kawartha Lakes will be holding a public information session to update residents on the status of the new Kinmount water treatment plant project.

The meeting is on Monday, January 16 at 7 p.m. at the Kinmount Community Centre.

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Hockey's alive and well at ice palace



DORSET NEWS

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Hockey, Canada's national sport, still thrives on small town outdoor rinks as was shown last Saturday at the Dorset Ice Palace. On January 7 Dorset got in the spirit and celebrated Canada's National Hockey Day with a good old-fashioned game of shinny. Moms, dads, grandparents, teens, youngsters and toddlers all joined in the fun which included a shoot-out, prizes, hot dogs, hot chocolate and hockey music. Thanks to Kerry Lock for pulling things together in such short order. A great time was had by all and united Dorset with Canadians from coast to coast who also celebrated Canada's wonderful game. Looking forward to "Hockey Day in Canada" next year at the Dorset rink.

The 9th Annual Dinner and Music Night takes place at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Saturday, January 14 starting at 6 p.m. Dinner is chili with all the fixings and music is provided by local talent (all are welcome to join in this part of the evening). Call the recreation centre to reserve at 766-9968 for more details.

There will be a Dorset Community Policing Meeting at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Tuesday, January 17 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

An item that may be of interest to Dorset aspiring writers: The writer in residence program at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre is presenting a workshop on the use of mythology in writing. Myths passed down by word of mouth were the original stories that people created to explain the workings and natural elements of the world in which they lived.

Because human nature is universal, basic character types, plots and themes have endured over the centuries since the human race came into existence. Come out and join in a discussion led by Lea Harper and Fay Wilkinson on this fascinating topic. It's on Thursday, January 19 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and everyone is welcome. In case of bad weather, it will be moved to February 2.

Dorset Family Movie night will be screening Madagascar at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Friday, January 20 starting at 7 p.m. All are welcome.



Divvying up the sticks at the Dorset Ice Palace last Saturday. Folks of all ages enjoyed Canada's National Hockey Day. Photo, Bryn Weese.

Admission is by donation and the popcorn is free. Treats will be available for purchase.

The two congregations of St. Mary Magdalene's and Knox United will be getting together on Sunday, January 22 at 4:30 p.m. for a musical pot luck. Festivities will take place at Knox United on Harvey Avenue in Dorset. Reverends John Thompson and Jolyn Campbell will be performing on piano and guitar. All are invited to attend, pot luck of course. For

more information, contact Rev. Thompson at 766-0267.

Birthday wishes for the week of January 8 to 14 go out to Ethan MacKay, Corey Crewson, Kevin Nixon, Hazel Sears, Marie Warkentin, Graham Avery and Hugh Reynolds. I hope you enjoy your special day.

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Great food, lots of laughs at Women's Institute lunch

by PAMELA ROLFE
Special to the Times

The Minden W.I. held its Christmas luncheon on December 14 in the common room at the Minden Cultural Centre.

There were 14 members and 14 guests present, including the district president and another member from the Norland W.I.

We enjoyed a pot luck luncheon sup-

plied by our members, after which we held a short meeting, followed by a quiz on Canadian facts and had a game or two which caused a lot of laughter.

We held a silent auction with many beautiful items on which to bid, including Christmas goodies.

Our next meeting will be held in the common room on January 18 at 1:30 p.m. For information contact Pam at 754-1656 or Mary at 286-1158. New members are welcome.



Enjoying New Year's Eve at the Police Officers' Ball, which raised \$2,000 for local charities. Photo submitted.

They had a ball at Police Officers' Ball

New Year's Eve was not only fun, but it was safe. This year's Police Officers' Ball raised \$1,000 for the Haliburton Figure Skating Club and \$1,000 for the YWCA in Minden.

The first annual Police Officers' Ball started off with an amazing roast beef dinner, catered by Joyce Wright. The evening then followed with excitement and antici-

pation over the silent auction. Congratulations to all the lucky winners. The evening ended with a great dance, that was deejayed by Jason Westerby of Lindsay.

The volunteer committee would like to thank volunteers and committee members for providing such a well-organized and fun event.



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We thank all those who apply, but regret that we can only acknowledge applications from those persons who are selected for interviews.



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Family Services of Haliburton County has a temporary full-time contract position available for a Library Technician. Liaising with the Administration Manager, and using existing and/or new resources, the Technician will develop or enhance the agency's library system for descriptive cataloguing of the agency's print, audio and therapeutic resources.

The successful candidate will be familiar with computers and library cataloguing methods. Analytical and organizational skills will be required to determine classification codes, as well as the ability to work independently. The contract would be completed no later than March 31, 2006.

Please forward curriculum vitae by January 23, 2006 to Dr. Fay Martin, Executive Director, Family Services of Haliburton County, P.O. Box 1306, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0, fax 705-457-3492 or e-mail faym@familyserviceshaliburton.ca.

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The County of Haliburton



PUBLIC BUDGET MEETINGS

The County of Haliburton will be holding two Budget Open Houses to informally review the draft 2006 budget with the ratepayers.

The first one will be held Monday, January 16, 2006 at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce between the hours of 7 pm and 9 pm. The second will be held Tuesday, January 24, 2006 at the County Council Chambers in Minden between the hours of 7pm and 9pm.

The Council of the County of Haliburton will also be having a 2006 budget meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 25, 2006 at the County Council Chambers in Minden.

For further information please contact Laura Janke at 286-1333 ext. 224 or ljanke@county.haliburton.on.ca



NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 300(1)(a) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on January 26, 2006 at the hour of 3:00 p.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

1. File No. 04-35
Applicant - Michael and Judy BEKKING
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Little Boshkung Lake, lying in front of Lot 12 Concession 13, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8187, registered November 30, 2005.
2. File No. 05-06
Applicant - Douglas and Gloria MASON
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull River lying in front of Lot 28, Concession 3, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8201, registered December 19, 2005.
3. File No. 05-10
Applicant - Gregory, Chalene and Ryan MCLEAN
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 18, Concession 10, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 8 on a Plan of Survey 19R-6956, registered November 10, 2000.
4. File No. 05-23
Applicant - Ross and Helene PINNOCK
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 13, Concession 9, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8202, registered December 19, 2005.
5. File No. 04-17
Applicant - Gerald and Anita SMITH
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Canning Lake, lying in front of Lot 17, Concession 2, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8215 registered January 6, 2006.
6. File No. 4-18
Applicant - Gerald and Anita SMITH
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Canning Lake, lying in front of Lot 17, Concession 2, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8215 registered January 6, 2006..

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Office at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 12th day of January 2006.

(Ms.) Elinor Kernohan, CMO, CMM
Planning Administrator

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290 COMING EVENTS

CREATING FAMILY TOTEM POLES

Children Art Workshop
 Saturday, January 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Here is a fun workshop at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Each child will create a colourful totem pole of his or her family. We'll talk about symbols and how they are incorporated into art and view the present exhibition of works relating to Native American art. We'll then work as a group to create a giant totem pole.
 Cost: \$15 per child.
 Call the gallery at 286-3763 to register.

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HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS FIELD NATURALISTS

Join us for a presentation on "Wetlands" by Paul Heaven
 Thursday, January 19, 2006 at the Haliburton Museum at 7:30 p.m.

HIGHLANDS SQUASH CLUB (beside the Arena in Haliburton) presents

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 Thursday Evenings
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 Jan. 12 to Mar. 9

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Minden

Temporary Position: January 23, 2006 to December 11, 2006
37.5 hours, 46 weeks

Responsible for the daily operation of the Children's Learning Centre. Recruits, trains and monitors staff, enters daily financial transactions on Simply Accounting, generates the budget with the executive director, processes the billings, records daily attendance, submits reports to head office, fulfills requirements of the Day Nurseries Act. The successful candidate will have frequent contact with parents of daycare children and will implement family support programs from time-to-time in conjunction with the OEYC HVB Parent Education Department. Assist with implementation of Best Start project in Minden.

Qualifications: Early Childhood Education Diploma, two years as supervisor of licensed child care centre, financial training and experience.

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Annual General Meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Performing Arts Society
 will take place on
Thursday, February 9, 2006
 at 4:00 p.m.
 at the Northern Lights
 Performing Arts Pavilion
 in Haliburton. Memberships for
 the current year can be pur-
 chased at the door. Agenda
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290 COMING EVENTS

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

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 GERALD MOLLOY, late of the
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 deceased, who died on or about
 April 12, 2005, are hereby not-
 ified to send particulars of same
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 undersigned shall then have
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 DATED at Minden this 22nd
 day of December, 2005. Daniel
 J. Wyjad, Estate Trustee by his
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450 IN MEMORIAM

COOK, BRUCE (POPPA) - In
 loving memory of a dear father
 and grandfather who passed
 away January 12, 2004.
 Throughout the past year
 Things have changed
 But only within our eyes.
 The sight of you has disap-
 peared
 But the feeling of you will never.
 For in our minds you will always
 be
 A guiding light for all
 With words of wisdom you have
 spread.
 For each of us to follow.
 With these words passed today
 I'm sure it is clear to all
 That the memories we share of
 you from the past.
 Will help us through it all.
**Dearly missed but always
 loved and remembered by
 daughter Brenda and Dan,
 son Allan and Hiedi and
 grandchildren Chris, Ashley,
 Jeff, Tristen and Trever. xoxo**

COOK, BRUCE - In loving
 memory of my dear husband
 Bruce Cook, who passed away
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 The gift in this life so precious
 and rare
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 And wife can share
 We shared that love, you and I
 From the day we wed,
 To the day you died.
 You cared for me more than
 words can say
 Your care, your love,
 I could never repay.
 A prayer, a tear, till the end of
 time
 For a wonderful husband.
 I was so proud to call mine.
**Sadly missed and always re-
 membered from your loving
 wife Viola.**

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 memory of our Dad and Poppa,
 who left us January 12, 2004.
 What we would give if we could
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 Hello Dad and Poppa, in that
 same old way.
 To hear your voice, see your
 smile,
 To sit with you and talk awhile.
 No time for fear or regret.
 No wish could be stronger,
 If only you could have stayed
 longer.
 So you who do have a Dad and
 Poppa,
 Cherish him with care.
 For you'll never know the heart-
 ache
 till one day he is not there.
**We love you Dad and Poppa,
 forever loved and sadly
 missed by daughter Marlene
 and Ron Robinson, Grand-
 daughter Amanda, and your
 special Great Granddaughter
 Hailey xox.**

COOK, BRUCE "POPPA" - In
 loving memory of Poppa who
 we lost on January 12, 2004.
 Your voice we can never hear,
 Your touch we will never forget,
 But your love will always be
 here,
 And you'll always be in our
 hearts.
 We miss you dearly and will
 love you always.
**Love always Dave, Liz, Chris
 (Ashley), Mike, Courtney,
 Chris & Dana.**

O'REILLY, MARY - In loving
 memory of a much loved moth-
 er, grandmother & Aunt who
 passed away Jan 17, 2004.
 It broke our hearts to lose you
 But you did not go alone.
 A part of us went with you
 In life we loved you dearly & al-
 ways will.
**Sadly missed by Tracey, Tim,
 Tabitha, Timmy, Annie, Betty,
 Jim, Liz and Al.**

450 IN MEMORIAM

O'REILLY, MARY - In loving
 memory of Mary O'Reilly who
 passed away Jan. 17, 2004.
 The soft winds of the Haliburton
 Highlands still blow softly over
 your resting place
 The same winds that carried
 your beautiful spirit to the Heav-
 ens. Sleep in peace my love.
Your Husband Peter.

460 OBITUARIES

GREER, FERNE MADELINE -
 After a long illness Ferne Made-
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 ber 7, 2005 at the age of 70.
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 (deceased) and loving mother
 to Heather Smith (Greg) of Bra-
 cebridge, Debbie Doughty (Ke-
 vin) of Vernon, B.C., Garnet
 (Susan) of Bracebridge, Shaun
 (Barb) of Calgary, Alberta, Phil-
 ip (deceased 1982), Steve
 (Nicki) of North Bay. Wonderful
 grandmother to Allan, Sarah,
 Katie, Megan, Jessie, Joshua,
 Adam and Eve. Dear sister to
 Jim Upton, Bill Upton and Dor-
 othy Beathune. Dear sister-in-
 law to Gilbert Greer (June),
 Oliver Greer (Cora), Doreen
 Garrah (Earl), Yvonne Ament
 (Mike). Born in Boskung July 1,
 1935, Ferne spent her early
 years growing up on a farm in
 Raymond with parents Abra-
 ham and Cora Upton. Ferne
 married Lloyd Greer of Bent
 River on June 25, 1954 and
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Passed away peacefully at home after a courageous battle with cancer on Monday, January 9, 2006.

Beloved wife of Vince, dear mother of Thom and his wife Cindy, Dave and his wife Jackie, Dan and his wife Krys. Loving Nana to Nicole and Mark, dear sister to Anne (predeceased) and Tom. Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service will be held in Oshawa in the Spring. Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 (1-888-588-5777) or online at (www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com).

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RAY PERRY

Passed away suddenly at home on

Thursday, January 5, 2006 at the age of 58.

Beloved husband of Janet, dear father of Heather and her husband Derek Hildebrandt of B.C. Dear uncle of Jill Cleveland of B.C., Aaron Bell of Janetville and Jeanette Priest of Scarborough. Son in law of Mary Krohn. Fondly remembered by his many friends. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, 127 Main St., Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 (or on line art www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com) on Monday, January 9, 2006 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or to the Canadian Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family.

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- **Jan. 12:** Haliburton County Farmers' Association Annual General Meeting. Thurs. Jan. 12, Minden Arena at 7:30. Plan to attend and become a director on our executive, an active volunteer, or a member enjoying our many activities, agricultural information sessions and vet services. For more info. call 455-9617.
- **Jan. 12:** Ontario Early Years Centre Minden – Well Baby Drop-In will be held from 10 a.m. to noon in (Sears Building). Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. For information call the Health Unit, 457-1391.
- **Jan. 12:** Ontario Early Years Haliburton Family Supper Night is taking place on January 12, 2006 for families with children 0-6 years. While enjoying a nutritious meal with your child and other families join us for information on how to handle your child's whining and temper tantrums. Please call to register by Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006 at 457-2989.
- **Jan. 12:** Ladies Fellowship – The West Guilford Community Centre, Thurs., Jan. 12, 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Theme: New Beginnings. Special Speaker: Ruth Carter. Feature: Mary Gryciuk of Marty's. Music: Donna Lee Sisson. Join us for a ladies night out! For more info. call Lyn at 457-3155 or Alice at 754-2808.
- **Jan. 13 to March 3:** Ontario Early Years Haliburton is offering 8 Swim and Gym sessions for families with children 0-6 years at the Wigamog Inn. Splish, Splash, and Play! Families that play together stay fit together. Join us Friday mornings starting January 13 to Mar. 3 by registering at our Early Learning Centre 457-2989.
- **Jan. 17:** Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group will not be holding its regularly scheduled December meeting due to the holidays. We wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Our next meeting will be Jan. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, Highland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. Call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- **Jan. 18:** Parent-Child Kindergym – The Ontario Early Years Centre, in partnership with Haliburton Dance Arts, will be offering "Kindergym" for parents and their pre-school children. 6 week session starting Wed., Jan. 18, 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. at Physical Journeys, Main St., Minden. Instructor: Terri Mathews. Call the O.E.Y.C. at 286-1770 to register as spaces are limited. There is no cost, donations appreciated.
- **Jan. 19:** The use of Mythology in Writing, a workshop presented by Lea Harper and Fay Wilkinson, will be held in the Common Room at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre from 1 - 3 p.m. In this workshop, the group will explore myths' recurring patterns (plots) and discuss their enduring relevance in our lives and in our writing. This program is put on by the Writer in Residence Program at the cultural centre. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free of charge. For more information, call Pauline Johnson at 489-3878. Snow date will be Thursday, February 2.
- **Jan. 19:** Haliburton Well Baby Drop-In Clinic. Ontario Early Years Centre Haliburton – Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **Jan. 25:** Prenatal Class Registration Deadline. Join this free class offered by the Health Unit to help expectant parents prepare for baby's arrival. Call the Health Unit at 457-1391 to register or find out more.
- **Jan. 28:** Ontario Early Years Centre Minden – Family Literacy Day on Sat., Jan. 28 from 10:30 - 1:00. We will be making books, having story time, and sharing a potluck brunch. Each family will receive a new book to take home. Call 286-1770.
- **Feb. 2, 9 & 16:** Ontario Early Years Haliburton is offering Learning Begins workshop series for families with children 0-2 years in Haliburton. Babies have "best times" for learning. Join us to learn about how the brain works, find out when and what your baby is learning at each age, and find ways to give your child a best start in thinking and doing! Join us Thursday mornings starting February 2, 9, and 16 by registering at our Early Learning Centre 457-2989 by January 26, 2006. Ask us about child-care.
- **Indoor walking** as a health promoting activity has begun again from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m., the halls of Archie Stouffer Elementary School. Walkers meet outside the custodian's office. No charge. For more info call Morris, 286-6079.
- **The Minden Women's Institute** meets in the Common Room at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden at 1:30 p.m. every 3rd wed. of the month with exceptions: Apr. 19 - Hanna Casper (Cox Farm Rd.) 1:30 p.m.; May 17 - Bea Berry 1:30 p.m.; June 21 Common Room 11:30 a.m.
- **Ontario Early Years Centre** is offers Free Developmental Screening Clinics by appointment only. Held at the Centre (behind Sears). Call 286-1770 to register.
- **Now until May 29/06: Adult Badminton** – Mondays 8 to 10 p.m. Starting Sept. 19 to May 29, 2006 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden. Join us for fun, fellowship, and fitness. Phone 286-1765 for further info.
- **Do you enjoy euchre, bridge, and other card games?** Come to the Card Night at the Fort Irwin's Residents' Assoc. Hall (FIRA) on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. For more info call Ken Fuller at 754-3699.
- **Ontario Breast Screening Program** - for women 50 years and over, screening by appointment only on Thursdays and Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary. Call (705) 328-6175.
- **Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** monthly meeting – Held the 3rd Tues. of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, Highland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. For info. call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
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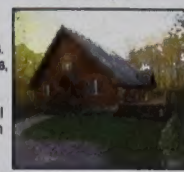
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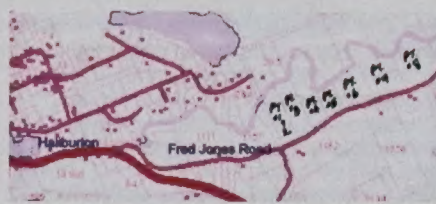
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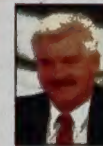
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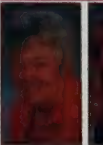
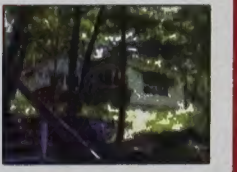
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